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### Expenses of the Fire Department.

"We have heard of great complaint from those who insist that the appropriation for that fund is altogether insufficient. We see, too, that an effort is being made to relieve the Department by voluntary contributions. We would also recommend an immediate reduction in the salaries of its officers, which by placing them at a reasonable amount, would also save many thousands of dollars."

The salaries now stand as follows as fixed by the Act of 1855:

Chief Engineer.....	\$5,000
3 Asst. Engineers at \$1,800.....	5,400
Chief Engineer's Clerk.....	1,800
Secretary Fire Department.....	1,800
Three Bell Ringers at City Hall at \$1,800 each.....	5,400
Total.....	\$19,400

These salaries are certainly too high, and in order to save money to be appropriated to the current expenses of the Department, they could surely be reduced to the following figures without detriment to the service:

Chief Engineer.....	\$2,000
3 Asst. Engineers.....	1,800
Secretary Fire Department.....	800
3 Bell Ringers, \$1,200 each.....	3,600
Chief Engineer's Clerk.....	nothing
Total.....	\$8,200

This would be a reduction in salaries in the Fire Department of \$11,200, which amount, if necessary, without increasing the burdens of the taxpayers, might be transferred to the payment of the current expenses of the Fire Department.

The above is from the *Globe* of Wednesday, and although it smacks somewhat of the author of all the troubles the firemen have labored under—Horace Hawes—yet its appearing in a respectable journal entitles it to some consideration from us.

We agree with the *Globe*, that the salaries of the officers of the Fire Department are entirely too high, and are a burden to the tax-payers of the city. If the writer in the *Globe* has designed during the last few months, to scrutinize the columns of this sheet, he cannot but have seen, that we have strenuously endeavored to procure a reduction of the salaries of the officers of the Fire Department.

The *Globe* is correct in placing the present salaries of the officers of the Department at \$19,400; but instead of the table of reductions which it presents, we would suggest the following:

Chief Engineer.....	\$3,000
3 Asst. Engineers.....	0,000
Secretary Fire Department.....	0,000
3 Bell Ringers, each \$1,800.....	5,400
Chief Engineer's Clerk.....	0,000
Total.....	\$8,400

The office of Chief Engineer, is worth at least the salary we name, and is only \$500 more than that received by the Chief Engineer of the New York Fire Department. There are many expenses attending the office of Chief Engineer, besides his own personal expenses, which those outside the Department know but very little about, and the idea of giving an officer just barely enough to live upon, is absurd. The Assistant Engineers should not be paid one dollar of a salary. Those positions should be entirely of honor; there is not a pipeman, in the Department, but does as much as an Assistant Engineer, destroying as much clothing and displaying as much judgment and courage.

The office of Secretary of the Fire Department should also be an honorary office, or with a salary of about \$500 per annum attached to it. There is many a man in the organization willing to occupy it for the honor and influence it confers.

The Bell Ringers, are entitled to every dollar of the salary they now receive, their duty is constant and of the utmost importance. At all hours of the day and night they are compelled to stand their watch, let the weather be stormy or propitious; it is fatiguing and arduous, and requires considerable nerve and activity to properly fulfill it. We sincerely hope that whatever change may be made in the salaries of those connected with the Fire Department, those of the Bell Ringers will remain unchanged.

Even though this reduction spoken of was transferred to the Fire Department Fund, it would not pay the current expenses of the organization. Suppose the reduction of salaries had gone into effect on the 1st July, with the Consolidation Bill, what difference would it have made? Not the slightest.

That measure called for an appropriation of \$2,000 for annum for all the expenses of the Fire Department, but said nothing about the salaries being reduced, and the reduction placed to the credit of the Fire Department. And suppose it had? The Department still would have been in debt. For instance:

Reduction of salaries.....	\$11,000 00
Hawes appropriation.....	8,000 00
Total.....	\$19,000 00
Incidental expenses, 4 months \$5,205.72.....	5,205 72
7,000 lb. hose, issued by requisit 13,195 00.....	13,195 00
By paid by Mr. Cowing 1,970 00.....	1,970 00
Total.....	\$30,371 31

Leaving the Department in debt..... \$ 1,371 31

The writer in the *Globe* will therefore see from the above true statement, that even with the reduction of salaries, added to the \$5,000, the Department cannot be supported, but that the reduction of salaries to \$25,000, which sum should be annually appropriated to the Fire Department, it would amount to \$34,000, amply sufficient for all practical purposes; but the department outside of the purchase of the apparatus, hose, building and filling charges, can be comfortably supported on \$25,000 per annum, salaries included, but no less.

### Board of Dele ates.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OLD BOARD.  
The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates, was held at their chambers in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening last Nov. 12th at 7 1/2 o'clock.

President Franklin L. Jones in the chair. The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Hunt, McCarthy, Babcock, Wason, Rand, Ottington, Boruck, Hixon, Vreeland, Hossefross, Sinton, Moore, Walsh, Thomas, Short, Fitzpatrick, Biden, McGrotry, Buckley, Brennan, Whalen, Finnegan, Plum, Berry, Cobb, Mahony, Law.

Absent.—Searing, McKendry, Hoff, Reed, States Mallott.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting October 8th adjourned regular meeting, October 16th, Special meeting, Nov. 1st., and adjourned special meeting, Nov. 10th, were read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.  
Committee on Rules.—Mr. Moore, chairman, No business—No report.

Committee on Finance.—Reported favorably on paying two bills, one for stationery, and one for blank certificates. Report received, and bills ordered paid.

Committee on Judiciary.—No report.

Mr. Mahony from the Com. of complimentary Resolutions to the President and Secretary of the Board, reported the committee had not prepared any resolutions, deeming it best to refer the subject to the new Board. In not presenting resolutions, the committee complied with the request of one of the parties interested.

On motion, the subject was referred to the New Board.

The Committee appointed from the old Board, was then discharged.

The case of Mr. Tocplitz, expelled from Engine company No. 10, was then called up.

A motion to refer the matter to the New Board, for consideration, prevailed.

Communication from Columbian No. 11, relative to changes on their roll was received, read and ordered on file.

A communication from Henry McDonald, appealing from a decision of Columbian Engine Company No. 11, was referred to the New Board.

The Board then adjourned.

ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW BOARD.  
The members of the Board of Delegates elected to represent their respective companies, for the year ending November 11, 1857, assembled at their chambers in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening November 12, 1856, at 8 1/2 o'clock, immediately upon the adjournment of the old Board, elected for the year just closed.

Mr. Moore of No. 7, moved that the new Board organize by John Short, Sec. of Vigilant No. 9, taking the chair, as President of the Board pro tem, which motion was unanimously adopted.

A Resolution of Mr. Rand of No. 3, that a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of the delegates elect, was adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Rand of No. 3, Sinton of No. 6, and Thomas of No. 8.

The Board having taken a recess upon re-assembling, the committee reported the following gentlemen as duly elected for the ensuing year:

DELEGATES.		
Empire No. 1.	D. C. McCarthy	P. Hunt
Manhattan " 2.	Jasper Babcock	T. P. Ottington
Howard " 3.	D. H. Rand	J. L. Ottington
California " 4.	E. B. Tompkins	J. W. Lees
Knickerbocker " 5.	C. E. Buckingham	E. S. Spear
Monumental " 6.	G. H. Hossefross	R. H. Sinton
Volunteer " 7.	J. B. Moore	A. C. Messerve
Pacific " 8.	Geo. H. Thomas	W. Speckles
Vigilant " 9.	John Short, Sec.	H. O. Gough
Crescent " 10.	C. S. Biden	James Herbert
Columbian " 11.	E. P. Buckley	J. R. Doyle
Pennsylvania " 12.	F. L. Jones	Thos. Tennent
Young America " 13.	J. Whalen	L. Wintinger
Tiger " 14.	C. M. Plum	M. E. Fitzgibbon

San Francisco H. & L. Co. No. 1, J. J. Berry, J. Ezekiel Lafayette " 2, H. A. Cobb T. A. Mitchell Sansome " 3, F. Mahony R. A. Law

On motion the Report was received and adopted, the committee discharged, and the delegates admitted to their seats.

The roll being called, every delegate answered to his name.

Mr. Buckingham of No. 5, moved that J. Whalen of Young America No. 13, be appointed Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Gough of No. 9, moved as an amendment that the present Secretary, act as Secretary of the New Board, until his successor be elected.

Mr. Rand of No. 8, moved to lay the whole matter on the table; which on a division vote was carried. Ayes, 22, nays 4.

Mr. Boruck, then continued to act as Secretary.

Mr. Hossefross, offered a resolution, that the Board proceed to make nominations for President.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Buckingham of No. 5, Nominated Franklin L. Jones of Pennsylvania No. 12.

Mr. Law of Sansome H. & L. Co. No. 3, nominated Richard H. Sinton of Monumental No. 6.

On motion of Mr. Rand the nominations were closed.

Mr. Hossefross made a motion, which was afterwards withdrawn, (that no candidate be allowed to vote,) as the Constitution provided for such cases.

The Board then proceeded to the FIRST BALLOT.

For Jones—McCarthy of No. 1.

Babcock and Smith of No. 2.

Buckingham and Spear of No. 5.

Moore of No. 7.

Thomas and Speckles of No. 8.

Biden and Herbert of No. 10.

Tennent of No. 12.

Whalen and Wintinger of No. 13.

Plum and Fitzgibbon of No. 14.

Berry of H. & L. Co. No. 1—16

For Sinton.—Hunt of No. 1.

Lees and Ottington of No. 3.

Hossefross of No. 6.

Mr. Gough moved that the election of President be postponed, and the Board proceed to the election of Secretary. Lost on a division vote; ayes 11, nays 18.

The Board then proceeded to the fourth ballot, which resulted the same as the preceding ones.

A discussion here arose, as to the reason why Mr. Jones was not in his seat as President of the Board, in which Messrs. Buckingham, Moore, Gough, and Sinton took part.

Mr. Short explained his position, stating that he had not sought the honor, but that it had been thrust upon him, a vote of the Board, had selected him as their president pro tem, and a vote of the Board mustoust him; before he would retire from the chair.

Mr. Buckingham offered a resolution "that F. L. Jones occupy the chair as President of the Board."

Mr. B. withdrew his motion to give way to Mr. Rand, who moved to reconsider the vote placing Mr. Short in the chair.

Mr. Lees, called for the previous question which was sustained.

The Board then proceeded to the fifth ballot, which resulted the same as the others.

Mr. Buckingham renewed his motion, to place Mr. Jones in the chair.

The vote being taken to lay the motion on the table, the chair decided it carried.

Mr. Buckingham, called for a division of the vote.

The chair stated the vote was a decided one, and he had already decided the result, and therefore it was too late to call for a division.

Mr. Buckingham appealed from the decision of the chair.

Upon a vote being taken, the chair was sustained without a dissenting voice.

Mr. Rand moved that the Board adjourn for one week, which on a division vote was lost. Ayes 7, Nays 19.

The Board then proceeded to the sixth ballot, which resulted the same as those preceding it.

Mr. Buckingham renewed his motion, that Mr. Jones occupy the chair.

Mr. Rand rose to a point of order, "that as the motion was laid upon the table," it could not be considered, until a vote reconsidering the tabling, was taken.

The chair decided the point of order of Mr. Rand to be well taken.

Mr. Lees, moved that the Board adjourn until next Wednesday evening. Lost on a division vote. Ayes 8, Nays 18.

Mr. Buckingham renewed his motion, to place Mr. Jones in the chair.

Mr. Law moved that the whole matter be laid upon the table.

The chair decided both motions to be out of order.

Mr. Mahony moved that the Board adjourn for one week. Lost on a division vote. Ayes 11, Nays 19.

Mr. Lees, moved to lay the motion of Mr. Buckingham, indefinitely upon the table. The ayes and nays were demanded with the following result:

Ayes—Rand, Ottington, Lees, Tompkins, Hossefross, Moore, Messerve, Gough, Buckley, Berry, Ezekiel, Cobb, Mitchell, Law—14.

Nays—McCarthy, Hunt, Babcock, Smith, Spear, Buckingham, Thomas, Speckles, Biden, Herbert, Doyle, Tennent, Whalen, Wintinger, Plum, Fitzgibbon, Mahony—17.

Messrs. Sinton, and Jones, not voting; Mr. Short excused from voting.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Buckingham then renewed his motion to put Mr. Jones in the chair. Ruled out of order.

Mr. Cobb moved to re-consider the vote, where by the motion of Mr. Buckingham to place Mr. Jones in the chair, was laid on the table, upon which the ayes and nays were demanded, with the following result:

Ayes—McCarthy, Hunt, Babcock, Smith, Spear, Buckingham, Thomas, Speckles, Short, Biden, Herbert, Tennent, Whalen, Wintinger, Plum, Fitzgibbon, Berry, Mahony—18.

Nays—Rand, Ottington, Lees, Tompkins, Hossefross, Moore, Messerve, Gough, Buckley, Doyle, Ezekiel, Cobb, Mitchell, Law—14.

Messrs. Rand, and Ottington, first voted "aye," but before the vote was announced changed to "nay," it requiring a two-third vote. The motion of Mr. Cobb, was lost.

The Board then proceeded to the seventh ballot, which resulted the same as the preceding ones.

On the call of the roll for this ballot, Mr. Gough of No. 9, voted for Mr. Jones, but before the vote was announced, changed it to Mr. Sinton.

Mr. Moore moved that the Board adjourn until next Wednesday evening. Lost.

Mr. Buckingham rose to a point of order, "that Mr. Short, the present occupant of the chair, was under the constitution and laws of the Board, holding his seat illegally."

Mr. Rand moved that the Board proceed to the eighth ballot.

Mr. McCarthy moved that the election of President be postponed for one week.

Mr. Jones stated the Board might adjourn, but it could not postpone the elections of its officers, as the law reads, they must be elected at the stated meeting in November.

Mr. Buckingham objected to the consideration of any motion, until his point of order was entertained.

Mr. Rand remarked that it had not met with a second.

The chair decided a point of order did not require a second; ruled the motions of Messrs. Rand and McCarthy out of order, and decided the point of order of Mr. Buckingham well taken.

Mr. Moore appealed from the decision of the chair, on the ground "that the seat of President had been vacated by Mr. Jones; that a motion had been carried placing Mr. Short in the chair, with a full consciousness of the act before the Board."

Upon the appeal, the ayes and nays were demanded, with the following result:

Ayes—Babcock, Smith, Spear, Buckingham, Thomas, Speckles, Biden, Herbert, Tennent, Wintinger, Whalen, Plum, Fitzgibbon, Mahony—14.

Nays—McCarthy, Hunt, Rand, Ottington, Lees, Tompkins, Hossefross, Moore, Messerve, Gough, Buckley, Doyle, Berry, Ezekiel, Cobb, Mitchell, Law—17.

So the decision of the chair was not sustained.

Mr. Mahony moved to adjourn until next Wednesday evening. Lost on a division vote; ayes 13, nays 17.

Mr. Hossefross offered a resolution which was afterwards withdrawn, that John Short be chosen President of the Board for the ensuing year.

The chair decided the motion out of order, as no new business had been transacted.

Mr. Biden moved, that the Board proceed to the eighth ballot.

Mr. Moore moved that the Board adjourn until next Tuesday evening.

Mr. Gough, moved as an amendment "Friday," evening.

Mr. Buckingham moved as an amendment "Friday," minutes.

The question being taken on the motion of Mr. Moore, it was carried on a division vote; ayes 18, nays 11.

The Board then adjourned.

Meeting of Engineers and Foremen.  
In accordance with a call of the Chief Engineer, James E. Nuttman, a meeting of Engineers and Foremen, who signed the appeal to the citizens, for the purchase of hose, was held in the Board of Delegates Room, on Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

On motion, the Chief Engineer was called upon to preside, and the Secretary of the Department, appointed Secretary.

There were present, 3d Asst. Engineer, Devoy Foreman Scannell, of No. 1, Cole, of No. 2, O'Brien, of No. 4, Vreeland, of No. 5, Lane, of No. 7, Hanna, of No. 12, and Hayes, of No. 13.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the chair, to be the appointment of a committee to solicit subscriptions.

Mr. Lane, moved that 7 members constitute a quorum—carried.

Mr. Vreeland moved that a committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions from property holders, and owners of real estate, for the purchase of hose.

Mr. O'Brien, moved as a substitute, that a committee of three be appointed, to wait on property holders, and request them to act as a committee to solicit subscriptions.

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair appointed as the committee, Messrs. Lane, Vreeland and Scannell. The Chief Engineer, was on motion, added to the committee.

Mr. O'Brien was excused from serving on the Committee.

On motion the names of the following gentlemen were presented as proper persons, to solicit subscriptions, for the purpose named, in conjunction with the Engineers and Foremen, viz:

Messrs. Capt. F. V. Macdonald, Joshua P. Haven, Samuel Brannan, Louis McLane, Jonathan Hunt, M. R. Roberts, L. Maynard, Theodore Payne, Joseph C. Palmer, Abel Gay, John Parrott, E. W. Leonard, F. Billings, L. E. Ritter, W. C. Hoff, John Sime, P. Donahue, G. H. Howard, W. Arrington, G. W. P. Bissel, W. K. Calston, W. R. Garrison, A. B. Forbes, G. Elliott, and Henry Hentsch.

A motion, that the above named gentlemen be invited to meet with the Engineers and Foremen, was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned until this Saturday, Nov. 15th, 3 1/2 o'clock.

Theatrical.  
The Metropolitan closed on Friday evening of last week, with a benefit in aid of the Mechanics Institute of this city; Mrs. Hayne having tendered her services for the same. The house was crowded to excess, Mrs. H., appearing as "Madeline." The profits to the Institute, will be in the neighborhood of twelve hundred dollars. On Tuesday evening, Messrs. Rogers and Fairchild presented the Metropolitan with an exhibition of a panorama of the exciting scenes attendant upon the formation and progress of the Vigilance Committee. The painting is well executed, as is usual with all that John Fairchild does.

No other Theatre being opened except the "American," for dramatic display, and the people having no other place to visit, that house has been well filled during the week. Miss Provost, (Mrs. Jack Adams,) being the attraction. We had all eyes upon her Tuesday evening last, that the "Hunchback," was a play, but at the "American," with its present cast, it undergoes a metamorphosis, and becomes a tragedy. We never saw a play so ruthlessly murdered, as was the "Hunchback," on the evening we speak of, and by none more so, than the person sustaining the principal female character.

MRS. HAYNE.—This celebrated actress, has since her advent at the "Forrest Theatre," Sacramento, attracted the largest and most fashionable audiences, ever before drawn together in that city. Sacramentoans are proverbial for their appreciation of talent, refinement, and unblemished reputation; and when such a combination in either man or woman, appears before them for support, they are sure to respond, as in the case of Mrs. Hayne. Assumption, coarseness, and doubtful character, receives the frowns, and doubt the smiles of the people of the "city of the plains."

Alarms and Fires for the Week.  
Nov. 11th, 8 P. M. Alarm from Vigilant Bell. Chimney in building on Powell street near Broadway. No damage. Portion of the Department out.

12th, 7 A. M. Min. Alarm of G. S. Hall, on County Road, mile and a half from the Mission.—One frame building destroyed; the activity and energy displayed on the part of the members in getting No. 13 to work, saved a large amount of property. Loss, \$1000.

Nov. 14th, 2 1/2 A. M. Hall Bell Alarm. Second District. Frame building on Pacific street, between Kearny and Dupont. Partially destroyed. Loss trifling. Entire Department out, Crescent 10, first water, Pennsylvania 12, second.

Mr. Rand remarked that it had not met with a second.

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Mr. Mahony moved to adjourn until next Wednesday evening. Lost on a division vote; ayes 13, nays 17.

Mr. Hossefross offered a resolution which was afterwards withdrawn, that John Short be chosen President of the Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. Gough nominated Mr. Buckingham, who declined.

Mr. Rand moved that the Board adjourn until next Wednesday evening.

### Condition of the Charitable Fund.

The following, from Mr. Eugene L. Sullivan, Treasurer of the San Francisco Fire Department Charitable Fund, gives the condition of the monetary affairs of that institution.

Total amount of Fund.....\$38,813 00

The whole amount received since April 8, '56, when the last report was made, is.....\$9,852 50

Whole amount paid out since April 8, '56.....711 00

Gain during last 8 months.....\$9,141 50

Fire Department.  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
San Francisco Fire Department,  
BOARD OF DELEGATES.—An adjourned Special meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday evening next, Nov. 18th, at 7 1/2 o'clock, at their Chambers in the City Hall. Every member is particularly desired to be present. By order

MARCUS D. BORUCK,  
Secretary, S. F. F. D.

Hose for the Fire Department.  
A meeting of the Engineers and Foremen, relative to the above subject and the gentlemen invited to co-operate with them, will be held at the Chambers of the Board of Delegates, third story, City Hall, on this (Saturday) afternoon, Nov. 15th at 3 1/2 o'clock. By order







